

## **DELIVERED ELECTRONICALLY**

November 16, 2021

Mr. John H. Wallace  
Rutland Regional Medical Center  
160 Allen St.  
Rutland, VT 05701

**RE: Docket No. GMCB-020-21con, Replacement of Existing MRI. Project Cost:  
\$3,116,567.**

Dear Mr. Wallace:

Thank you for the application received for the above referenced project. Additional information is required to complete our review. At this time, please provide the following information:

### **Architectural**

1. Explain why the acoustical control does not apply in the areas noted below:
  - c) Acoustic control shall be provided to mitigate the noise emitted by the MRI scanner. For requirements see Table 1.2-6 (Design Criteria for Minimum Sound Isolation Performance Between Enclosed Rooms).
    - Patient room MRI room STC 60 Does not apply.
    - Examination MRI room STC 60 Does not apply.
    - Operating room MRI room STC 60 Does not apply.
2. On page 71 of 206 (MEP Narrative): Provide further explanation for the comment in red type located in the right margin.

### **Financial**

3. Confirm whether the total project cost of \$3,119,588 stated on page 1 and 2 of the cover letter or the total project cost of \$3,116,567 represented on page 3 of the application and in financial Tables 1 and 2 is the correct total project cost. Explain whether the project cost should reflect the \$60,000 credit by GE Healthcare for the trade-in value of the



existing MRI. For example, on page 192 the table titled, *RRMC MRI Replacement Capital Cost Summary*, \$60,000 is shown as a credit (\$60,000) and then is represented as a positive \$60,000. The \$60,000 is recorded as Other Operating Revenue on the Table 3B P&L/Income Statement for FY2023. Specify where this \$60,000 is reflected on the Balance Sheet (Table 6) for project only.

4. Clarify when you will begin and complete the project as the Balance Sheet tables reflect the first cash disbursements in FY2023. If different, please revise and resubmit.
5. Confirm whether the charges with and without contrast for the top 10 MRI procedures reflected on page 5 of the application will be the same for imaging with the existing MRI as for imaging with the new Artist 1.5 Tesla MRI. Explain or confirm whether there will be any increase in the average change in charges associated with the new replacement MRI.

#### **Other**

6. Explain the reasons/assumptions for the increase in MRI scans from 2020 actual of 4,810 to 6,041 projected in 2021 and for the projected number of scans for 2022-2025 to be 5,197.

In responding, restate the question in bold font and respond in unbolded font. Send an electronic copy to me at [donna.jerry@vermont.gov](mailto:donna.jerry@vermont.gov) and one hard copy (three-hole punched) with a Verification Under Oath to my attention at the Green Mountain Care Board, 144 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05602.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 802-760-8162.

Sincerely,

*s/ Donna Jerry*

Senior Health Policy Analyst  
Green Mountain Care Board

cc. Michael Barber  
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